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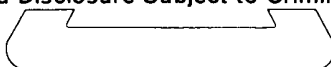
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TESTING OF NEW SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER
BAICHENG MUNITIONS TEST COMPLEX, CHINA

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: CHINA'S NEW SELF-PROPELLED (SP) HOWITZER IS ENTERING THE TEST PHASE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: TWO NEW SP HOWITZERS ARE AT BAICHENG MUNITIONS TEST COMPLEX FOR THE FIRST TIME. THESE NEW SP HOWITZERS WERE FIRST IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] AT HARBIN TANK PRODUCTION AND REBUILD PLANT 674 [REDACTED] AND ARE SIMILAR TO THE SOVIET 152MM SP HOWITZER M-1973. BOTH HOWITZERS ARE AT A WEAPONS TEST POSITION AND ARE UNDERGOING WEAPONS TESTING. ONE OF THE HOWITZERS IS POINTED DOWN RANGE WITH ITS GUN TUBE ELEVATED.

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(SWN) BAICHENG IS IN NORTHEASTERN CHINA APPROXIMATELY 165 NM WEST OF HARBIN.

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 45-44-27N 122-39-46E

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